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THE PROPERTIES OF MULTI-  
SEGMENTED FILTERS AND  
CORRESPONDING METHOD

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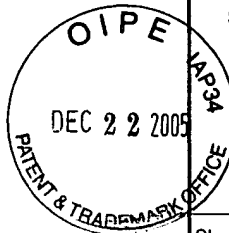
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